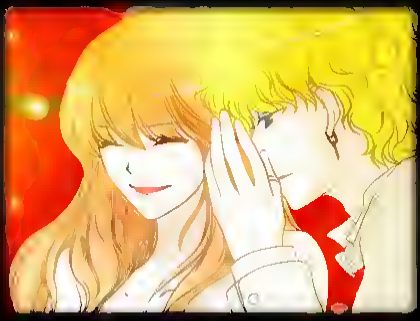
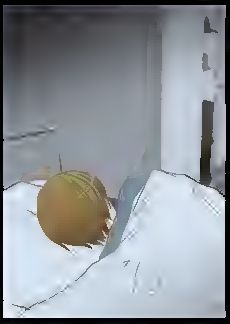


CLENCH

LET'S SLEEP...
SLEEP...
RUSTLE



...UGH.

...I CAN'T SLEEP.

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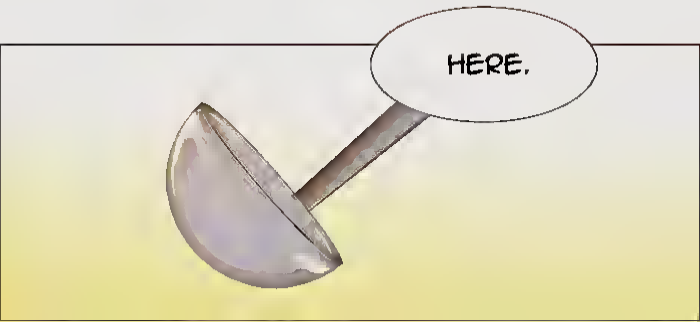

AH...YOU DIDN'T NEED TO GIVE IT BACK SO FAST.
IT MIGHT TROUBLE YOU IF IT'S NOT THERE WHEN YOU NEED IT. SO...
ANYWAY, IS THIS WHY YOU WANTED TO SEE ME THIS EARLY IN THE MORNING...?
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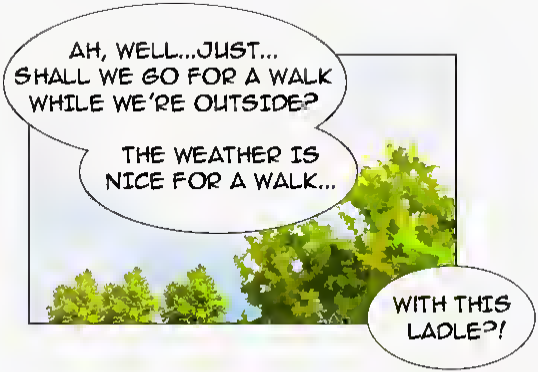
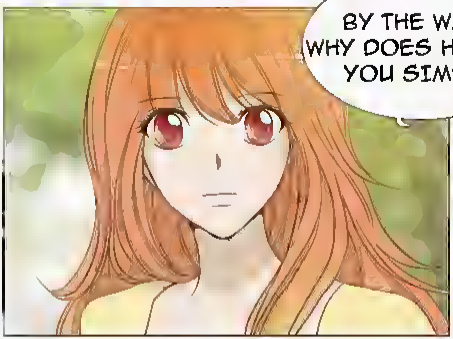
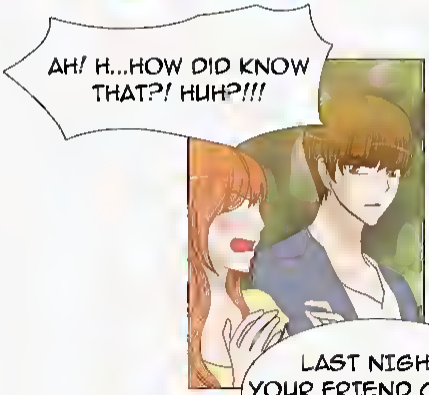
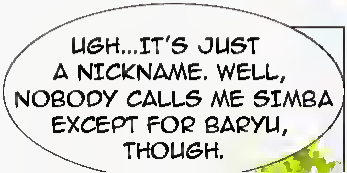

AH, WELL...JUST... SHALL WE GO FOR A WALK WHILE WE'RE OUTSIDE?
THE WEATHER IS NICE FOR A WALK...
WITH THIS LADLE?!

LAST NIGHT... NOTHING HAPPENED, RIGHT?
HUH? LIKE WHAT?
...NOTHING. JUST...


BY THE WAY... WHY DOES HE CALL YOU SIMBA?


AH! H...HOW DID KNOW THAT?! HUH?!!!
LAST NIGHT, YOUR FRIEND CALLED YOU "SIMBA," SO...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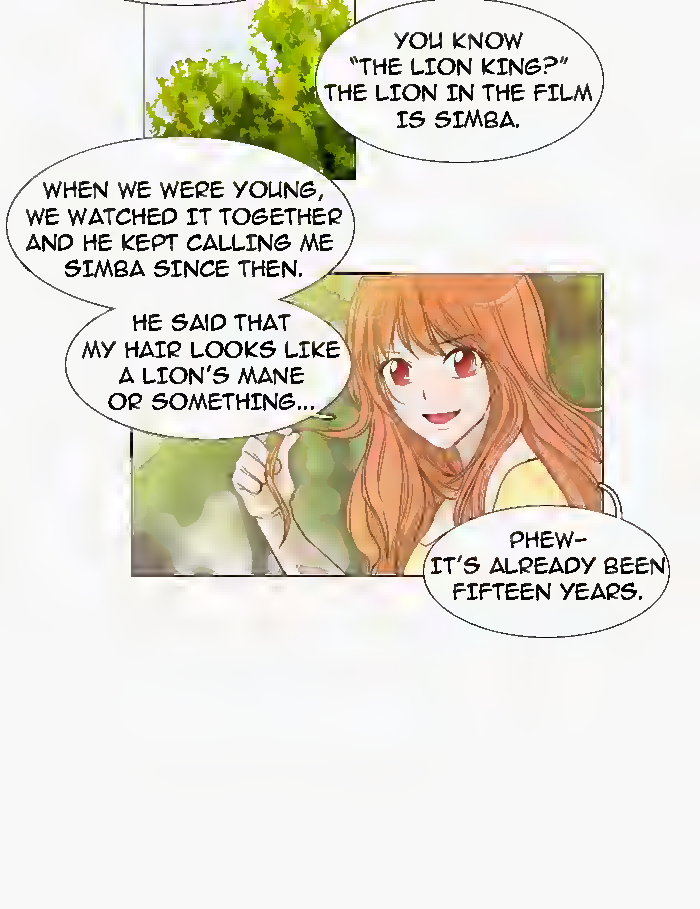
YOU KNOW "THE LION KING?" THE LION IN THE FILM IS SIMBA.
WHEN WE WERE YOUNG, WE WATCHED IT TOGETHER AND HE KEPT CALLING ME SIMBA SINCE THEN.
HE SAID THAT MY HAIR LOOKS LIKE A LION'S MANE OR SOMETHING...
PHEW- IT'S ALREADY BEEN FIFTEEN YEARS.

I TOLD HIM SEVERAL TIMES NOT TO CALL ME LIKE THAT IN FRONT OF OTHERS, BUT...
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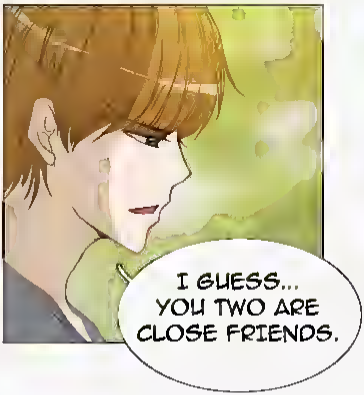
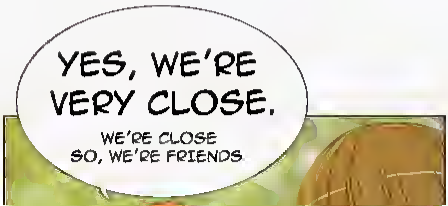
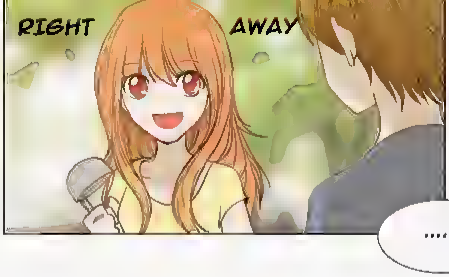

I GUESS... YOU TWO ARE CLOSE FRIENDS.


YES, WE'RE VERY CLOSE.
WE'RE CLOSE SO, WE'RE FRIENDS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AWAY
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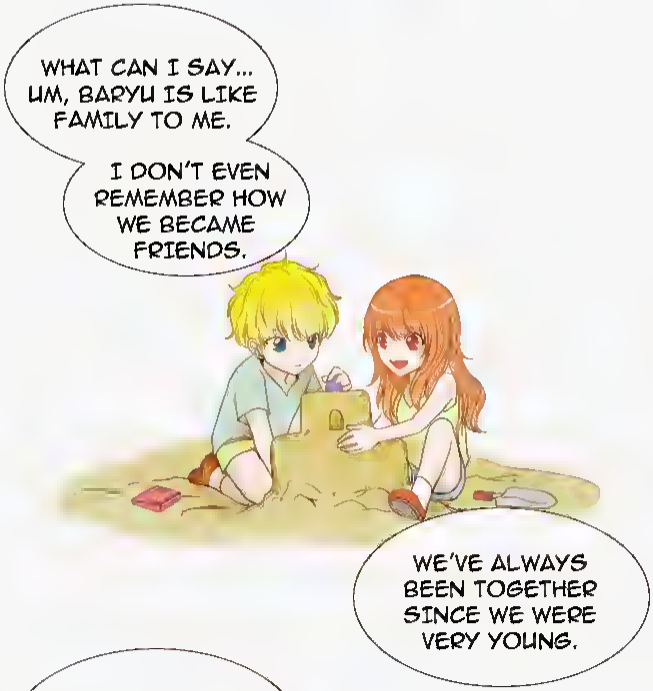
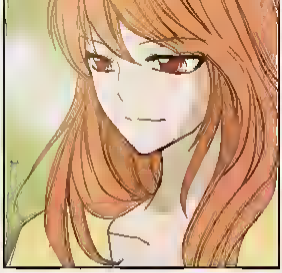

WHAT CAN I SAY... UM, BARYU IS LIKE FAMILY TO ME.
I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER HOW WE BECAME FRIENDS.
WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN TOGETHER SINCE WE WERE VERY YOUNG.
SO, IT'S SO NATURAL TO HAVE HIM AROUND ME.



WE KNOW ABOUT EACH OTHER BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE.
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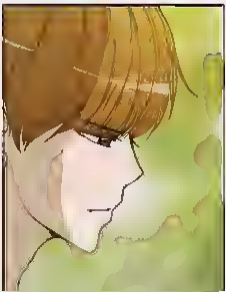
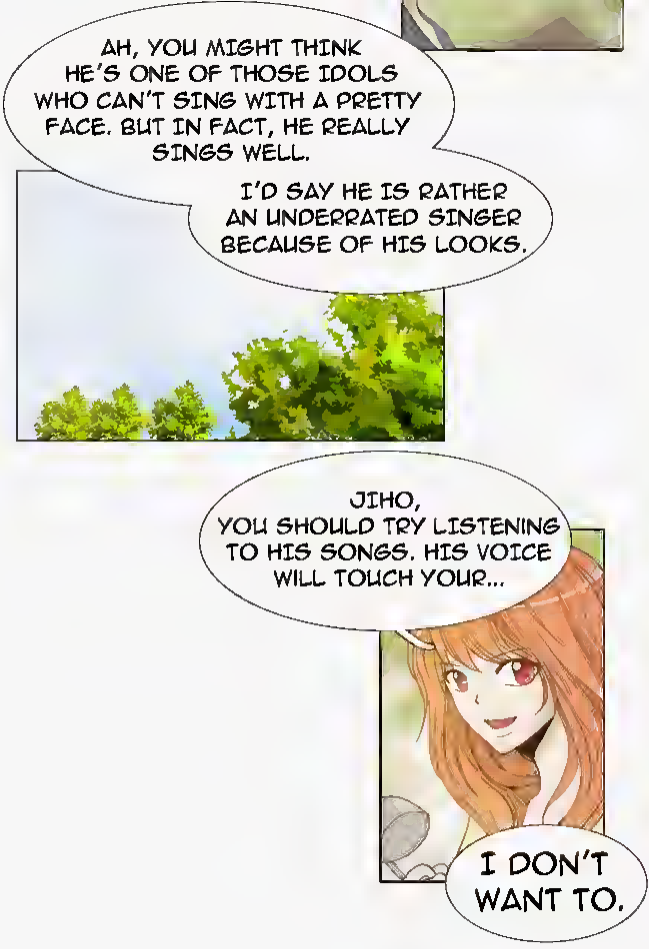
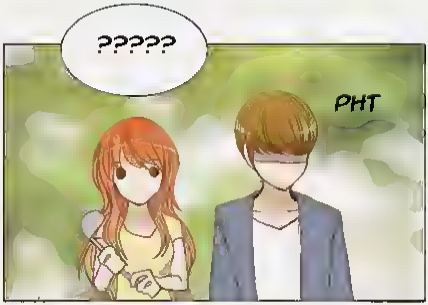



AH, YOU MIGHT THINK HE'S ONE OF THOSE IDOLS WHO CAN'T SING WITH A PRETTY FACE. BUT IN FACT, HE REALLY SINGS WELL.
I'D SAY HE IS RATHER AN UNDERRATED SINGER BECAUSE OF HIS LOOKS.
JIHO, YOU SHOULD TRY LISTENING TO HIS SONGS. HIS VOICE WILL TOUCH YOUR...
I DON'T WANT TO.

I REALLY HATE LISTENING TO MUSIC.
ESPECIALLY, A BOY GROUP'S MUSIC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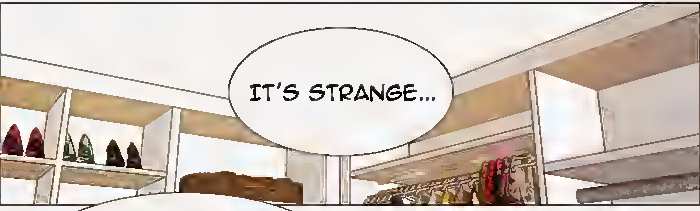
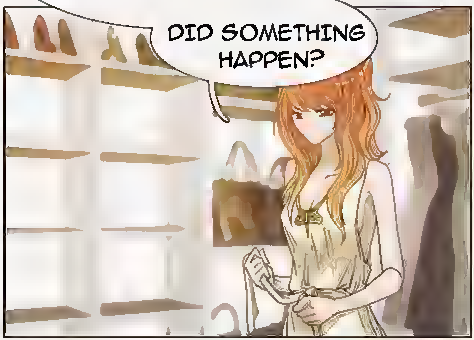
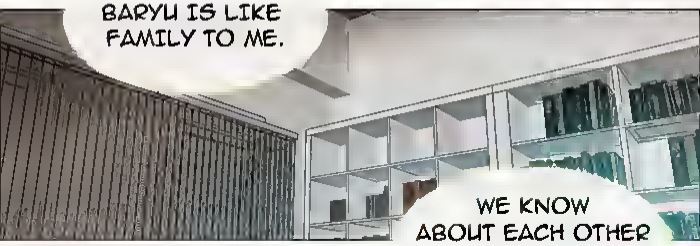


HE ASKED ME TO SEE HIM IN THE EARLY MORNING, BUT HE BARELY TALKED AND MET MY EYES.



HE DIDN'T EVEN HOLD MY HAND TODAY...
IT'S SO HARD TO GUESS WHAT HE HAS IN HIS MIND.
IT'D BE BETTER IF I CAN GUESS WHAT HE'S THINKING...

WAIT, LET'S NOT THINK ABOUT IT. A PREY IS A PREY. I MUST NOT BE EMPATHETIC.
IT'S CHICKEN, IT'S CHICKEN. CHICKEN, CHICKEN, CHICKEN...
MUMBLE MUMBLE MUMBLE MUMBLE
SIA~ WE ARE STARTING NOW.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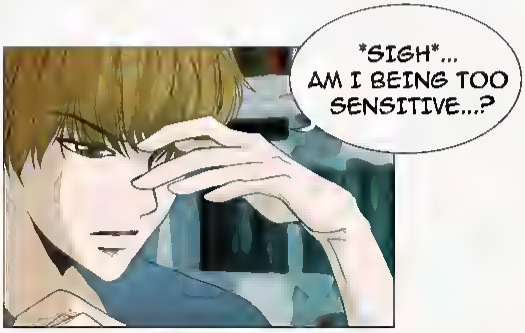
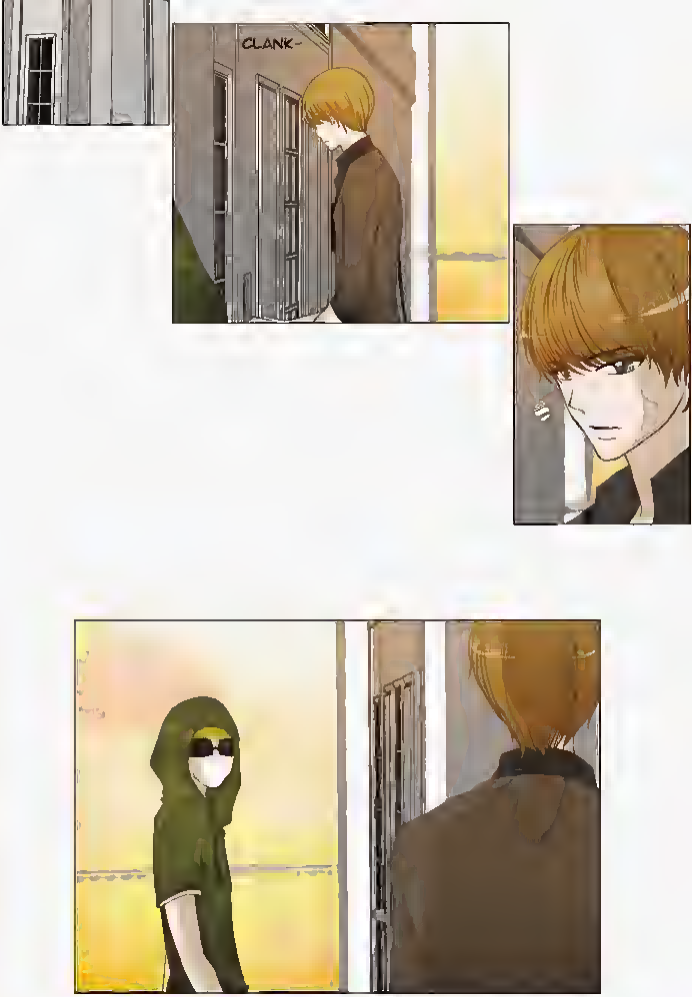
TAKA
TAKA TA-

NOBODY CALLS ME THAT EXCEPT FOR BARYU, THOUGH.
FLINCH-

THAT'S NOT A NICKNAME, BUT A PET NAME...


SIGH... AM I BEING TOO SENSITIVE...?

YES,
THEY COULD BE CLOSE SINCE THEY'RE OLD FRIENDS.
IT'S OKAY. LET'S NOT CARE ABOUT HIM.
I DON'T NEED TO AGITATE MYSELF BECAUSE OF A SUCH KID LIKE HIM...
SIGH
SHOULD I GET SOME FRESH AIR...?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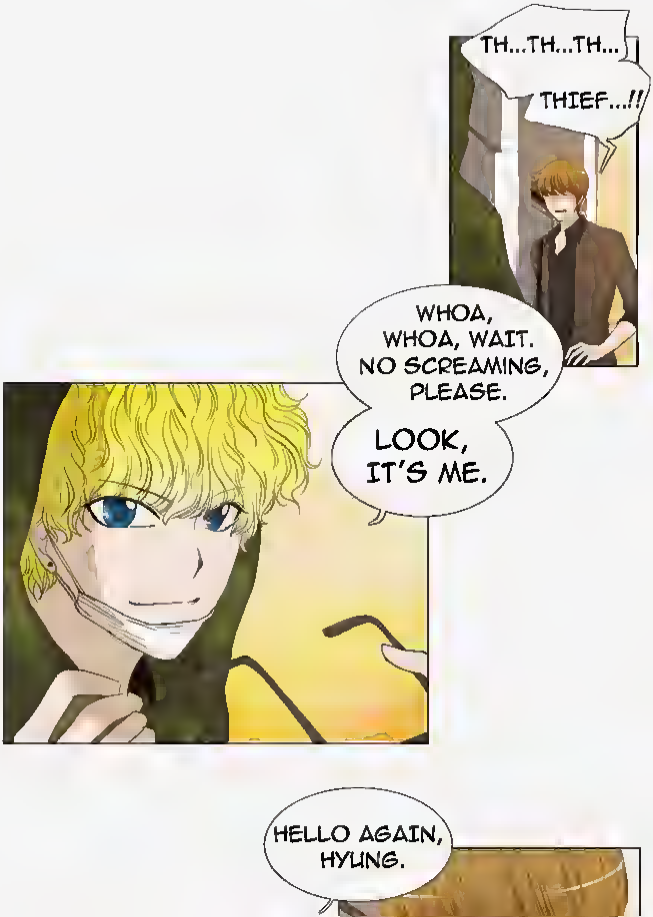
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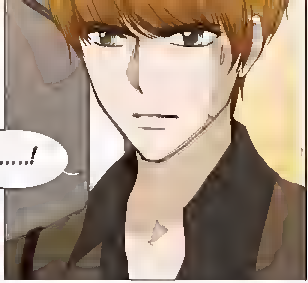
THIEF...!!
WHOA, WHOA, WAIT. NO SCREAMING, PLEASE.
LOOK, IT'S ME.
HELLO AGAIN, HYUNG.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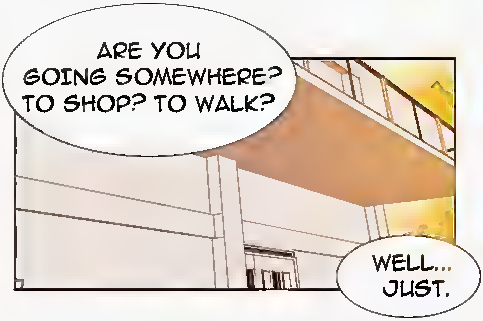
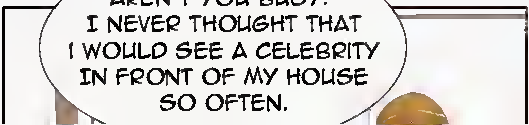
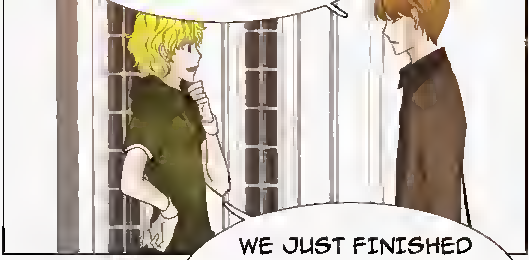
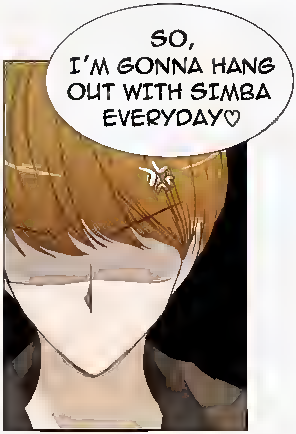
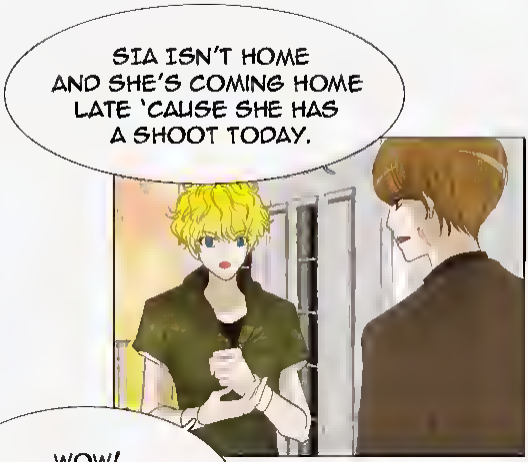

ARE YOU GOING SOMEWHERE? TO SHOP? TO WALK?
WELL... JUST.


AREN'T YOU BUSY? I NEVER THOUGHT THAT I WOULD SEE A CELEBRITY IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE SO OFTEN.


WE JUST FINISHED OUR SCHEDULE FOR THE ALBUM. SO I'VE GOT SOME TIME TO SPARE FOR A WHILE.


SO, I'M GONNA HANG OUT WITH SIMBA EVERYDAY♡


SIA ISN'T HOME AND SHE'S COMING HOME LATE 'CAUSE SHE HAS A SHOOT TODAY.
WOW! YOU KNOW EVERYTHING SINCE YOU'RE HER BOYFRIEND.

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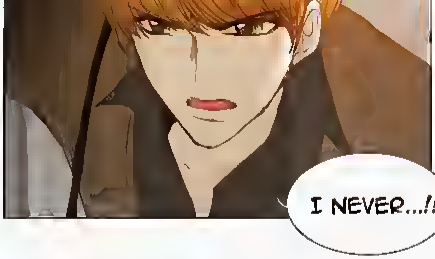
WELL... THEN, I SHOULD WAIT INSIDE.
BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP
I'LL SURPRISE SIMBA WHEN SHE COMES BACK♥
SLAM!!

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
HOW CAN YOU GO IN SOMEONE ELSE'S HOUSE WHEN THERE'S NO ONE INSIDE...!!
WHO CARES? WE ARE CLOSE FRIENDS.
DON'T YOU ALSO GO IN AND OUT OFTEN?



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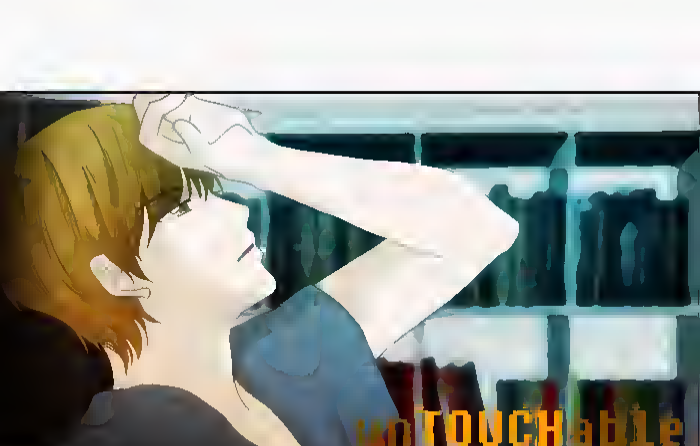
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